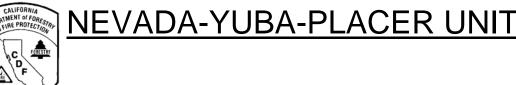
CDF NEWS RELEASE

California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection



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Prescribed Fire Planned

Who: The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF) Nevada-Yuba-Placer

Unit. Battalion Chief Rob Paulus will be the Incident Commander and will utilize 6 fire

engines, 1 bulldozer and 2 hand crews for a total of 50 CDF firefighters.

What: A prescribed fire of approximately 130 acres. This fire is one in a series of prefire

projects, designed to create a shaded fuel break from Bridgeport extending east up to San Juan Ridge in Nevada County. The series of fires will all be coordinated and funded

through the CDF Vegetation Management Program.

Why: The project objective is to reduce the potential of a large, costly and damaging wildfire.

This burn will also allow firefighters to more effectively stop a fire such as the

devastating 49'er fire of 1988.

Where: The "Browning Ranch" located 8 miles Northwest of Nevada City, approximately two

miles West of Highway 49 and South of Pleasant Valley Road. Smoke from this fire will

be visible from Grass Valley, Nevada City, Lake Wildwood, North San Juan and

Dobbins-Oregon House. It will also be very visible to travelers on Highway 49 North of

Nevada City.

When: October 11, 2005 from 10 a.m. to late afternoon, depending on weather conditions.

Very strict prescription fire parameters will be met, before lighting the fire. For added

safety measures, a fireline has been constructed around the project area and crushing

has pretreated much of the fuel.